

Meeting Summary

Following is a summary of issues discussed at the DHCD Stat on February 24, 2011. Analysis is provided by StateStat and the Governor's Delivery Unit (GDU).

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

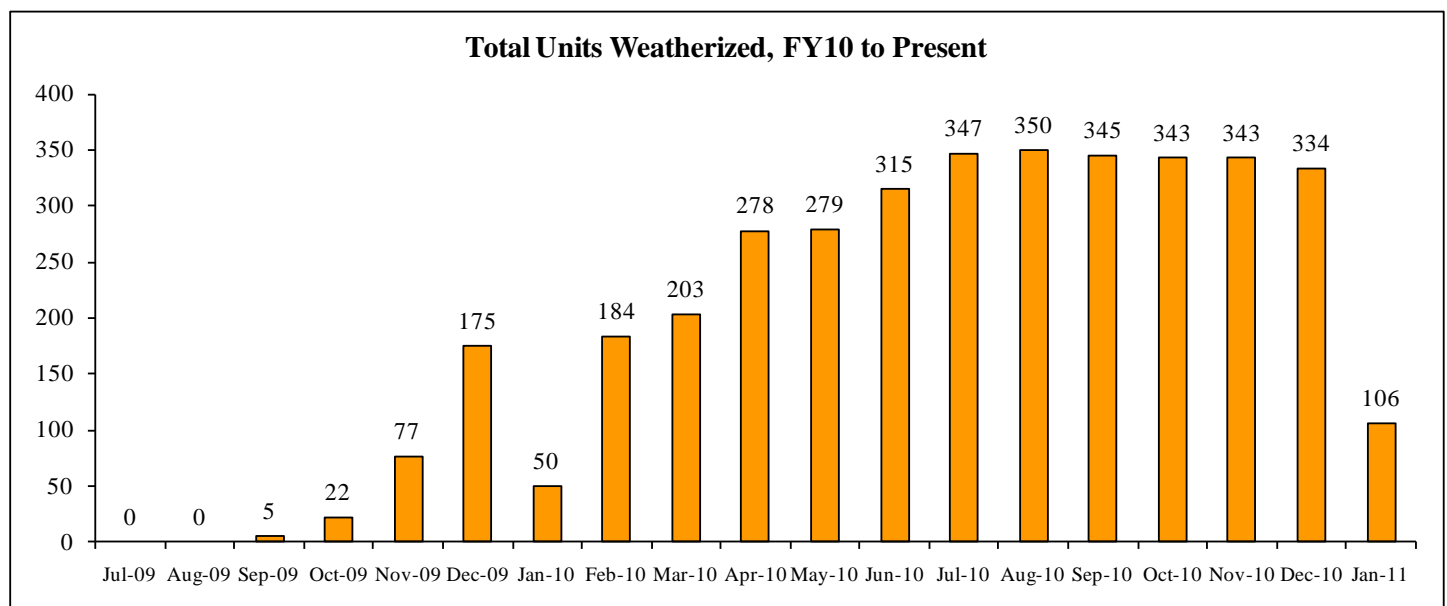
- **Program Ramp-Up.** The agency reported that a soft launch of the EECBG/Better Buildings Program will begin starting on February 28. The EECBG Program will perform retrofits and install energy efficiency measures in up to 640 single family homes, 540 commercial buildings and 14 multifamily buildings. EECBG will also fund 60 training sessions on updated energy efficiency building codes. Potential pilot projects are currently being identified for commercial and multifamily buildings, and the agency is reporting that a weatherization partner has identified single family pilot candidates for energy improvement financing. The agency also reported that a contract for 6 training sessions starting in March has been awarded.

Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (EMA)

- **Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program.** Using federal funds allocated from Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (EMA) program will allow loans of up to \$50,000 to assist eligible homeowners in payment of arrears. The agency reported that it received confirmation that HUD received a work plan and budget from the agency, and that they are expecting a start date for the program in the next few weeks.

Weatherization

- **Production.** The agency produced just 106 units in January, a decline of 68% from December. The agency noted to StateStat that the December holidays, a visit from U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) staff, and an upcoming Inspector General (IG) audit of the program reduced overall production. Staff that would normally have been signing work orders, performing data entry and authorizing invoices were forced to produce documents and perform other tasks pursuant to the requests of auditors. Since unit production is measured by the number of invoices processed, the agency anticipates that production should see dramatic growth in the next few months as invoices for work performed in January are processed and paid.



- DOE Inspector General (IG) Audits.** At the last StateStat meeting, the agency reported that the DOE IG auditors would conduct site visits of operations in Baltimore City, Prince George's County and Montgomery County. The agency reported that IG auditors visited the Baltimore City office and performed a field audit on 21 weatherized units. In Prince George's County, the IG began their office visit on February 9 and will remain at the office through the end of this week. The IG reviewed 45 case files, and will perform field audits on 21 of these units next week, in addition to observing a new audit and a job in process. An office audit in Montgomery County was set to begin on February 22, with field audits to follow in two weeks. The agency directed members of its own staff to Montgomery County to assist in their preparation for the IG audit. The agency is heavily involved with the auditing process, and is continuing to work with DOE auditors to address any concerns that may arise.
- Prince George's County DHCD.** At the last StateStat meeting, the agency explained that ARRA weatherization production had dropped because the agency directed the County to fund weatherization through RGGI (Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative) in order to preserve those funds. The agency provided the StateStat team with a breakdown of weatherization production by Prince George's County HCD and indicated the funding source (ARRA or RGGI) for the production. Prince George's County began using RGGI funds for some production in August, and has escalated RGGI production as the need to expend RGGI funds increases. The agency anticipates that Prince George's County HCD will continue to use RGGI funds exclusively for production over the next few months until those funds are expended, which should occur this summer.

Prince George's County Housing & Community Development

January 1, 2010 - February 15, 2011

	ARRA Count	RGGI Count	
Jan-10	0	0	
Feb-10	0	0	
Mar-10	0	0	
Apr-10	2	0	
May-10	15	0	
Jun-10	2	0	
Jul-10	8	0	
Aug-10	20	6	*
Sep-10	10	2	*
Oct-10	4	4	*
Nov-10	5	4	*
Nov-10		2	
Dec-10	0	16	
Jan-11	0	0	Total ** ARRA + RGGI Units
Feb-11	0	13	
Total	66	31	97

** Total does not include RGGI Aug, Sept, Oct & Nov 2010 combined count

* Aug, Sept, Oct & Nov 2010 RGGI units blended with ARRA units count. RGGI units included in ARRA count.

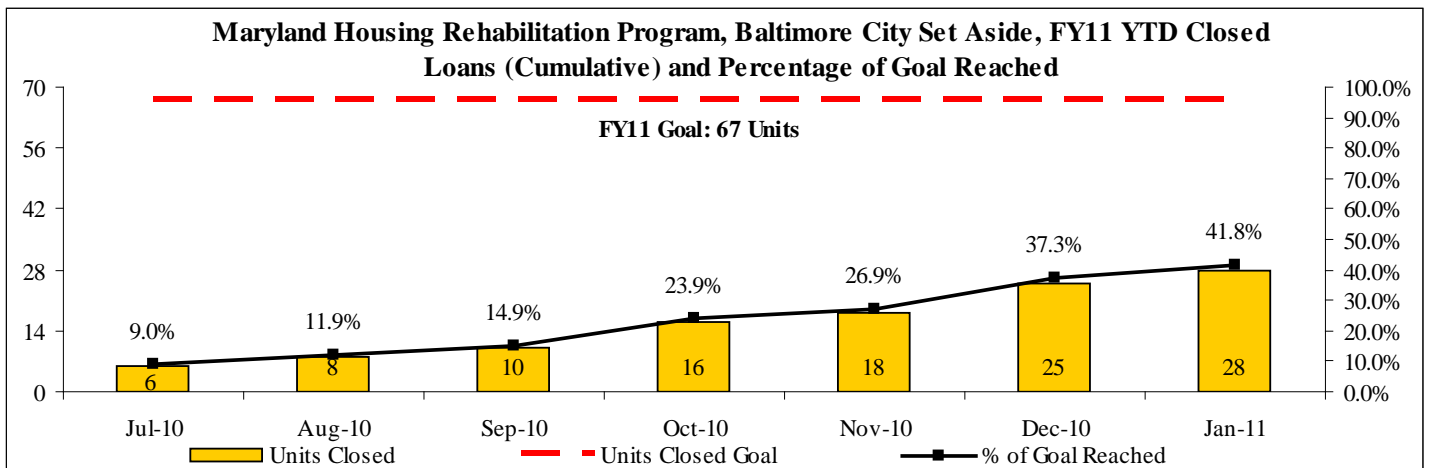
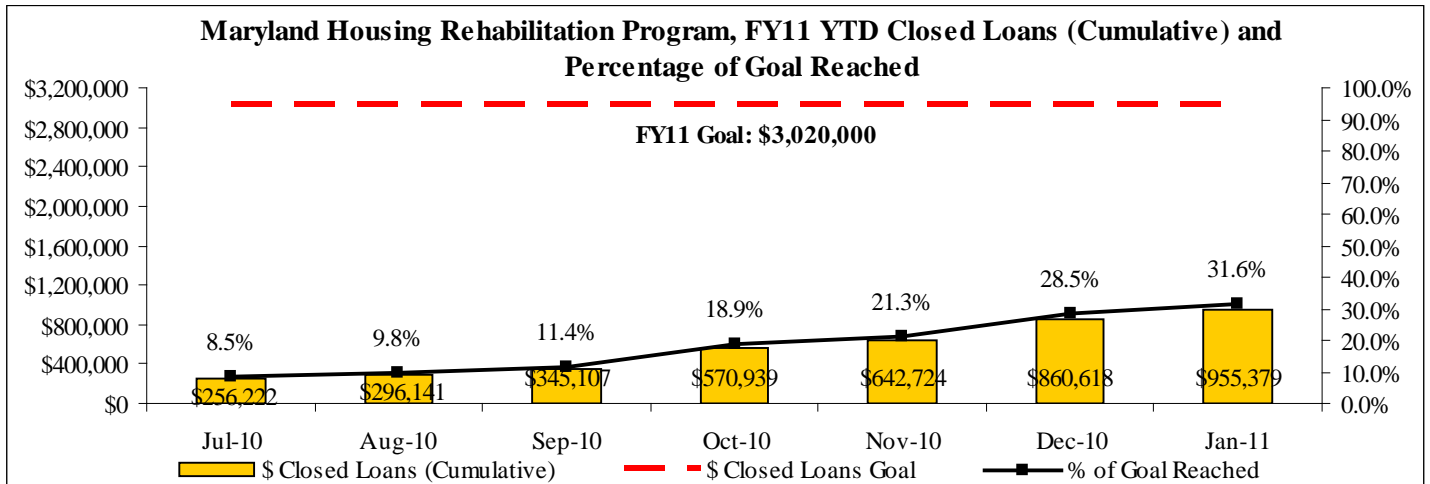
RGGI Expenditure Report \$650,000 Allocated (Aug 1, 2010- February 15, 2011)

LWA - Prince George's County Housing & Community Development

	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Totals
# Mo Units Pd	6	2	4	6	16	0	13	47
Amt Paid	\$33,317.89	\$7,550.59	\$10,736.16	\$16,280.86	\$108,511.54	\$0.00	\$69,719.87	
Remaining Bal.	\$616,682.11	\$609,131.52	\$598,395.36	\$582,114.50	\$473,602.96	\$473,602.96	\$403,883.09	\$403,883.09

Special Loans

- Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program (MHRP).** MHRP provides assistance for bringing single family homes up to code to homeowners earning less than 80% of the statewide median income. Through the initial 7 months of FY11, MHRP is at just 42% of its goal for units closed and 32% of goal for the amount of loans closed. MHRP has closed between \$2.6 and \$2.7 million in loans in each of the last two fiscal years. The agency indicated that it expects MHRP to meet both its units closed and loans closed goals, as construction should pick up as the weather improves over the next several months.



- Accessible Homes for Seniors (AHS).** Funded through MHRP, the Accessible Homes for Seniors Program provides loans for improvements to make single family homes more accessible for seniors. In FY11 to date, the Program has reached just 9% of its FY11 goal for the amount of loans closed and 12% of its FY11 goal for units closed. The agency reported that it is not expecting the AHS program to reach its FY11 goals for units and loans closed. The agency believes that the economic downturn has made seniors specifically more reluctant to purchase loans than other groups.

